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Account [illegible]'s Bewitched by Spirit, which Reveals to her, in an admirable manner many wonderful things, by which she readily resolves, to the amazement of the Hearers, Questions of divers Natures; which Answers she says the Spirit whispers in her Ears, &c.

STRANGE and Wonderful have been the various Reports of Apparitions and disturbances made by Spirits, and the effects they have had on those they have possessed, ing in them, or inducing the possessed, else to utter strange wonderful things, to which be they were Strangers: but all that have been found in or upon creditable Report, we esent you with a Relation very ng, as it was taken from the own mouth, &c.

Windmil-street, near St. *James's* arket in a little Cellar, or underground room, next to the *Black-Horse*, lives one *Alice Wingham*, who declares that one *Martha Child*, dying there, about three Months since, having requested to be brought thither from the place where she fell sick, seemed to be much troubled in mind a considerable time before she died, as if she had some weighty secret to deliver, but delivered it not; a while after she was Buried, this Woman being in *Moorfields*, somewhat late, a thing like a Black Dog appeared to her, three times running about her, which put her into such a fright, she hasted home much troubled, and no sooner was in Bed, but something, as if it had been a dead Body

y lay, cold as Ice, at her Back, not being able to ſtir her Hands emove it; but having pray'd rtily as ſhe ſaid, at laſt retired. n after, being Bed with her band, ſhe felt ſomething come n her, as ſhe lay, ſtroking her a cold hand, hovering and buz- about her Head, as if it had with a ſtrong breathing or a ſpoeing voice: but when a twas ſtruck, nothing was viſi- as to any Apparition of a Spi- however ſhe and her Husband and Pray till they grew faint, heard ſome ſtrange noiſe, ſo in a trembling fear they lay ing for Day, and the next thought of ſhifting their Lodg- but found no opportunity to tinue out of it long.

oon after this Woman being in in the ſame place, ſhe heard n a ſuddain one whiſpering in erEars very loud, & in t he ſame ner the deceaſed Party uſed to when ſhe Imparted any ſecret, er, ſo that ſhe confidently af- s ſhe knew it as well as her er voice: at this ſhe ſtarted, he told her ſhe had ſomething eveal to her, and often repea- go fetch *Martha*, which was Deceaſeds Daughter then at ice, telling her ſhe ſhould not quiet till it was done, which trained her (though ſhe at firſt ed it, as thinking it an Illuſion or ſlumbering Fancy) to go and relate the Charge ſhe had, to the Maid and her Miſtreſs: but ſhe having about a Month to ſerve, her Miſtreſs would not part with her. All this time, this Woman ſays ſhe was perſecuted and purſued with this noiſe in her Ears, the Month being expired, the noiſe aſſaulted her more violently as ſhe was boiling her Pot for ſupper, and commanded her immediately to go and fetch the Maid and her Trunk, ſhe excuſed it for being late, but was ſtill urged to do it, and away ſhe went, leaving her Supper to be ſpoiled, but could not that night effect what ſhe was ordered, yet in a little time the Maid came and lay there, ſaying if it was her Mothers ſpirit, ſhe ſhould not fear to hear what ſhe had to ſay to her, and that Night this Woman affirmed ſhe heard a Voice about the Bed, perpetually Crying *O poor Mat! O poor Mat!* and other Expreſſions which ſhe has forgot.

The aforeſaid *Martha*, weary of this homely Lodging, went away in a few days, ſeeming much diſſatisfied, in the mean time that which this Woman calls *Alice*'s Child's Spirit, told her a great many things, as how being got with Child before ſhe was Married, ſhe and one *Nell* that was then her Confident, Murthered

it, and Buryed it in a Gravel-Pit, about twenty three years since; how that she had been an ill Liver and had stole a Silver Spoon, which she sold for two Shillings; a Bible which she sold for one Shilling; a little Porrenger, which she sold for two pence, to buy Victuals, with all the Circumstances that attended these Actions: how she concealed the Delivery, and the Murther from her Mother, and others, and beside, give her Daughter good Instructions, she told her how her Husband, who is now alive, was in *Ireland*, and that when she had told her all she had to say, she should leave troubling her, but that would be some time yet to come. This, with a great deal more, she constantly affirms for Truth, as she hopes ever to be happy.

This Spirit, she says, continually whispers in her Ears, and gives answers to what any one asks her about it, so that between each Question, she listens awhile, and then replys, in the Words which she constantly affirms are whispered in her Ears, protesting she says nothing but what is in this manner Dictated to her, answering above a hundred questions, to the purpose aforementioned, in the presence of the Publisher of this Relation, and an Eminent Physician, and divers others, all very ready, prompt, and apt to the purpose. She seems not to be any ways Craz'd or Defective in her Se or Faculties, nor expresses thing that looks much like a disturbance in mind. Divers emi Divines have been with her discourse and give her Spiri Consolation not to yield to the lusions of the Devil, who often such Snares to draw away the norant, to hearken to his Te tations. Many hundreds be have been to see her, and Questions, which she resolves th as she says, by the whispering of Familiar, she not framing the wo but only repeating them: of which, any one who will take trouble of going thither may fully satisfied from her own mo

Note, The Woman possessi faith, there is attending two Spi that the Spirit named *Jupiter*, faith, hath turned the Spirit of Dead Woman into the Appari of a *Black Dog*; and the Sp *Reves* is to carry her away at Tho' her Husband heard the w spers sometimes, yet when had been let blood, and taken of Mr. *Conyers's* Universal *Pills*, next Night without disturba and tho' the Wife having been blood, and taken the same was not at all delivered from whispering, which delivers high Answers to the Enquirer, a any Subject, *viz.* Relating to Magnet of the Earth, the Sun, M and Stars, and other high Ma of Divinity, and distance of p

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